

he was not going to impose any punishment on that coach. So this thing that I am talking about is being recognized by judges, coaches, athletic directors, college presidents and others. In some of the information I gave you it showed that the President of Brown University suggests paying the players. The President of Stanford as long ago as 1905 said that the players should be paid because there is no such thing as amateurism in athletics. That was at the turn of the century. Joe Paterno says they should be paid. Even Tom Osborne, he won't call it pay, he says they should be given an allowance and that NU has lobbied the NCAA to allow them to be given some money but they can't get the NCAA to do it.

PRESIDENT: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the ones that prevent it are the little schools that don't have the money to compete. If every school made money like Nebraska, they would agree tomorrow to allow these players to be paid, and I don't mean nickels and dimes, I mean a decent salary in keeping with what they do and the money they bring in.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The Chair recognizes Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I would like to ask Senator Chambers if he would yield to a few questions.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I will.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Chambers, I don't know a great deal about football. I used to like to watch it when I had time but since I have been down here I haven't even had time. But if a football player is injured, does the University pay all of their medical bills?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator, let me answer that this way, Senator Higgins. At one time I assumed that they would, but based on the fact that a player had gotten hurt, he is paralyzed now, and his medical bills were paid for by some money raised by the University Foundation and others, apparently there is not a requirement that the University pay all of the bills that are entailed by his injury. And they are talking about putting in place an insurance program at NU, the Big Eight, and the NCAA. So apparently right now they don't have that insurance or they wouldn't be talking about putting it in place. I don't know just what their insurance program is if they have any.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, if a player were injured permanently for the rest of his life, does the University or does the state